SHORT NOTICE RESOLUTION

Greetings to H. E. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and Madam Chiang on the occasion of their first visit to India

Mr. President: Now I call upon Mr. A. V. Moothedan to move the short notice resolution.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Sir, I desire to move the following resolution which the Hon'ble President has been pleased to allow me on short notice.—

"The Council recommends to Government that the Government of India may be requested to convey to H. E. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and Madam Chiang, the greetings of the people of Cochin on the occasion of their first visit to India and the feelings of admiration of the great services rendered by the Generalissimo".

China and India are two great countries in the East having very ancient civilization. The population of these two countries together would come to 850 million people, the population of China alone being 450 million. The President of the great Chinese Republic and Madam Chiang, have done us a great honour by visiting India. The Viceroy, on behalf of the British Government, has most enthusiastically received them and all national leaders without party considerations are paying their respects to the great Chinese leaders. We are all very happy to see that Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Nehru, Mr. Jinnah and several other leaders have personally met the Marshal and are having long conversations. The Central Assembly at Delhi, the Bengal Provincial Assembly and several other Assemblies and meetings in India, have passed resolutions welcoming these august personalities. In Madras, of course, there is no Assembly functioning now and therefore a public meeting was held, when Rajaji, Satyamurthi and other leaders spoke in glowing terms welcoming the Chinese leaders. Therefore, it is only proper that, our State, though small, being the most enlightened and advanced State in India, should welcome these eminent guests.

Sir, having lived for about 4 years in Malaya, where the majority of the population are Chinese, I know personally with how much esteem and affection Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is held by the Chinese. The greatest national hero of the Chinese is Sun Yat Sen who is the founder of the Chinese Republic and the Marshal is the brilliant successor to Sun Yat Sen. Madam Chiang is also a great leader. You would have been able to form an opinion about her abilities, had you but read the speeches in English recently delivered by her in India.

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By one of those inscrutable decrees of Providence, it has come to pass, that though India and China were friends from time immemorial, those bonds of friendship should be still more strengthened by the war. When I think of the course the war is taking, several surprises are taking place. In Malaya how amicably the Indians, the Chinese and the Japanese were living! In 1931 or so, while the Chinese organised a nation-wide boycott of the Japanese, the British Government, for the safety of the Japanese citizens in Malaya, posted special policemen at the gates of the houses of the Japanese. It is surprising that such a friendly ally should turn against Britain. Never mind, the two great countries, India and China, are standing together side by side and fighting against aggression. As a symbol of that unity of purpose and perfect understanding between India and China, this visit of the Marshal is of very great importance. The people of India, true to their ancient civilization and hospitality, without party considerations or prejudices, are according a warm welcome. Therefore, let us join hands with our brothren in other parts of India in welcoming the Generalissimo and Madam Chiang. I commend the motion for the acceptance of the House.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women)*: Sir, It is with very great pleasure that I rise to second the resolution moved by the Hon'ble Member for Chalakkudi. It is only in the fitness of things that this should be seconded by a lady member, as this motion is to convey the greetings of this House to Madam and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Some persons are born great, some persons are made great and some persons make themselves great. Here is the case where these two persons have made themselves great due to the unflinching, unselfish and encouraging devotion to the cause of their country. We all know that the war has come to our doors, and we should try our level best to defend our motherland. And the women of India are doing their very best in the war efforts and I am sure that the very presence of Madam Chiang Kai-shek among our midst is sure to give more courage and encouragement to my sisters all over India.

We are really disappointed that the Generalissimo and Madam are not able to visit our State also. But of course our only consolation is that they have not come here for a holiday with plenty of time at their disposal, but on business. So we sincerely hope that when the next time they visit India they will be visiting our State also.

Sir, on behalf of myself and on behalf of the ladies of Cochin, I wholeheartedly support the resolution moved by the Hon'ble Member for Chalakkudi.

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*Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, it is stated that great events throw out great men who control the destinies of the nations. This has never been more clearly exemplified than in the case of China and her famous leader Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Here is a country whose philosophy is nonviolence, patience, peace and absolute inoffensiveness. There is much in common between the psychological equipment of Chinese and Indians. Their philosophy is almost identical to ours. Their method of thought and their ideas of life are almost indivisable and in various other aspects these two great countries which constitute the bulk of Asiatic races have many things in common. The history of China is an inspiring example of what a country, though unarmed and disorganised, can do against an aggressive invader, provided a spirit of unity and a spirit of nationalism spread over the whole population. Here is an example which India would do well to copy out, for in the near future unless we are emulated by this spirit, if we are guided by this internecine warfare and perpetual quarrel that have disfigured this land in the eyes not only of the people of this country, but of the whole world, unless this condition is changed and a spirit of unification is brought about as a result of a spirit of nationalism and pure patriotism, this country will fail to discharge its duties and will face a disastrous consequence. The advent of this great General, I hope, will give an impetus to the people of this land to follow the footsteps of their greater cousins so that we may achieve in the near future that peace, that prosperity and that happiness which constitute the basic principle of life both in China and in India. It is also another inspiring example to us, however much may be our differences, however much ill-equipped we may be, to face the most terrible enemy. Yet, by this spirit we will be able to bind together the various contending parties and the disputing elements into a homogenous one, to offer a united front to the threatening invasion of this land by an aggressive enemy. If we copy out this principle, if we find out the secret that made a disunited and a contemptible people in the eyes of others—how they became so heroic as to defeat all the attempts of one of the greatest militarist nations of the world for a period of four years almost unarmed—it will be an inspiring example and a great lesson to this land. And it behoves us to learn this lesson from the example of the Chinese people and the heroic leadership of the great leader who has honoured this land by a visit with his lady. Sir, I wish to associate myself with the sentiments already expressed by those others who have spoken on this resolution.

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*Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

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Mr. President: I wish on behalf of the Chair to associate myself fully with all that has been said regarding Generalissimo and Madam Chiang Kai-shek. The world has watched with growing admiration the magnificent leadership of these two great people in China, that vast and populous country, which has suffered so terribly at the hands of the Japanese aggressors; but I believe it is only during the last two months when U. S. A. and the British Commonwealth and India itself have felt the weight and power of the treacherous attack of the Japanese that the world has realised the full stature of their greatness. All-India wishes to pay its tribute to the great leaders who have rejuvenated a great and ancient race and have led them successfully for 4½ long years in what was, on paper, an almost hopeless struggle against a ruthless foe incomparably better equipped with all the deadly apparatus of modern war.

We pay our heartfelt tribute to these great leaders but our tribute should not take the form only of words. We should each one of us determine to assist by all means in our power the combined effort to defeat the treacherous and cruel enemy which brutally attacked China, a giant which appeared to be asleep but which the Generalissimo has succeeded in awakening. If all here in India can rally to the stirring appeals made by the Marshal and his wife, Japan will find herself confronted by half the population of the world, and will learn as one of the Marshal's colleagues said yesterday.—" It is not Japan but the 800 million people of China and India who will decide the fate of Asia ".

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has characterised the Marshal as one of the most remarkable men in the world of today, and I feel that when at some future date the history of this war is written, it may be found that his name will appear at the head of the roll of honour, the name of a man unique in his gifts of leadership and in his incomparable courage.

Resolution was put and carried unanimously

(At this stage the Hon'ble President left the House and the Deputy President took the Chair).

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—NON-OFFICIAL BILLS

The Cochin Dissolution of Muslim Marriage Bill

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce the Cochin Dissolution of Muslim Marriage Bill.

Mr. V. K. Kutty *(Nominated):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

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